

## EYE WITNESS GIVES REAL FACTS ON LATEST CUBAN REVOLUTION

**Liberals, in Revolution To Prevent Conservative Party  
Domination, Institute Reign of Terror, Causing  
Great Suffering Among Civilians**

Havana, Cuba, May 17.—The United States government, calling the attention of the Cuban people to the two great obligations, military and economic, involved in the entrance of Cuba and the United States into the world war, has issued a warning against interference with the sugar production, which will be considered "a hostile act," and declares that unless all those under arms against the government of Cuba return immediately to their allegiance, the United States may find it necessary to deal with them as enemies.

The American Minister, William Gonzales, published the proclamation yesterday, pointing out also that the United States received the news of Cuba's entrance into the war "with feelings of deep appreciation and friendly pride."

Just at this time the experiences of Mrs. Roger Williams, who recently granted an interview to a DAILY CALEDONIAN reporter, are of especial interest.

**Mrs. Roger Williams' Story**  
Mrs. Roger Williams, who with her son and daughter, Charles and Louise, returned to St. Johnsbury recently from Cuba, discloses some interesting facts upon the latest insurrection in that country. Mrs. Williams believes that people in America have no idea of the real extent of the revolution, and the amount of damage done by insurgents.

Contrary to the general opinion that the revolution is localized in one or two provinces, Mrs. Williams gives the information that it is general and that no part of the island is entirely free from the rebels' torch. Americans in Cuba in many cases have had narrow escapes with their lives, but Mrs. Williams and her two children were fortunate in living near the sea coast where escape was a simple matter.

She and the children had stayed during the winter with Mr. Williams, who is a superintendent of an immense sugar plantation in the province of Oriente Province, Cuba. When the revolution first started, February last, they did not leave the country as they seemed to be no fear of danger in their position.

The revolution, however, became violent in Oriente province, and when the Liberal rebels had come so close as to burn part of the sugar farm Mrs. Williams left hastily via Puerto Padre.

The disquiet in Cuban political circles dates back to the time when the United States gave the Cubans self government. Before the time when Leonard A. Wood was governing the country, all was well and the people were thoroughly satisfied and prosperous. With the coming of self government disquietude began and the United States was forced on one occasion to intervene and appoint McGoon as governor while the situation was cleared.

The first president of Cuba was Estrada Palma, who proved himself an efficient man. A revolution was started against him, however, by Miguel Gomez. The United States intervened, on the side of the revolutionists, with the result that Palma was ousted from office and Gomez made president, after the temporary governorship of McGoon, who had been appointed by President Taft.

Gomez' regime was a turbulent one, for he, with a politician named Zayas, robbed the people and grafted to the utmost extent possible.

With the return to power of the Conservative party Menocal was elected president and served his term of office successfully. With the last election the present trouble started. Menocal was running for re-election backed by the Conservative party, while the Liberals had Zayas for their candidate.

November 16, 1916, election day, Menocal claimed re-election by a large majority. The Liberals disputed this and demanded that a new vote be taken. It was compromised that another vote be cast in one or two of the doubtful provinces. Zayas decided Menocal's good faith in this agreement, and a plot was set afoot to kidnap Menocal. This intrigue was discovered and frustrated.

Revolt began in the month of February. Part of the army remained and the rebels, led by Gomez, instituted a reign of terror in the western part of the island. Much damage was caused, railroads burned and property destroyed. The rebels were attacked and dispersed by government forces and Gomez captured. This victory put a damper on the revolution in the western part of Cuba.

The next revolutionary movement began when the troops in charge of Santiago under Captain Rigoberto Fernandez, mutinied and captured that city, and all the defenses about the insurrection once more became general in the island. The civil population of Santiago suffered severely. The suffering was brought about by the fact that the government navy, consisting of two gunboats, blockaded the port, preventing any marine movement. The food supply was entirely cut off and starvation faced the people.

The situation became so bad that the United States naval officer in charge at the port of Guantanamo requested Fernandez to evacuate the city so that the suffering might be alleviated.

children, four years and four months old, respectively, of an American citizen had to hide in the bottom of a cistern for an entire day and night while a battle raged about them.

According to Mrs. Williams, lives of Americans are in danger because of the psychology of the Cuban mind. The Liberal who are in rebellion against the Conservative government, desire United States intervention. They are willing to go to any extremity to bring this about. The reason, Mrs. Williams says, is the result of the previous intervention of the United States, when the Conservative government was deposed in favor of the Liberals. The Liberals figure that if intervention is brought about again the result will be the same. They believe also that if they massacre American citizens the United States will take action and to this end they plan wholesale murder of whites.

The present revolution, which began February 28, spread rapidly, the most intense fighting taking place in Oriente province.

Mrs. Williams described the defenses put up about the town of Shaparra when the rebels came close. Armored cars were hastily constructed, trenches dug, and the employees armed to ward off attacks. Shortly before she left the plantation Mrs. Williams says the rebels set fire to the cane, and for days smoke clouded the horizon. The people lived in fear of their lives. The vast cane fields were saved from the fire by a providential rain which was so heavy as to cause floods in the district. Ten square miles of the cane were burned, however, before the flames were extinguished.

The school and public buildings in the town were filled with Cuban refugees fleeing before the rebels. American houses in some sections were taken and completely stripped of every portable article and terror reigned supreme. At this time it was decided that Mrs. Williams and her two children should get out of the country, and, being fortunately near the port of Puerto Padre, they left the country unharmed. Mr. Williams stayed behind.

Some interesting points were given by Mrs. Williams as to the equipment of the armies, and their existence. The men are armed with large caliber hunting rifles, regular army rifles, and the regular army rifles. The distinguishing marks between the revolutionary and government forces consist of differently colored sashes and neckties. The salaries of the government soldiers are the highest in the world, the rate being \$2.00 per day for privates, while the rebels lack in salary they make up in plunder.

One interesting story was that of the capture of the city of Tunis by government forces. They attacked the city and drove the rebels out, capturing as part of the booty the wives of rebel leaders. These they held as hostages and it proved a lucky move on their part. The rebels sent a warning that they were going to storm and recapture the city, and to wage battle any and all who remained alive after the capture. The leaders of the government forces took the 12 women, put them in a wooden building saturated with oil and sent back a proclamation warning that as soon as the rebels attacked, the house would be fired. This took some of the ambition out of the rebels and the city was not attacked.

Mrs. Williams says that the loss in the rebellion is almost incalculable; the railroad loss amounts to millions of dollars; the sugar cane burned cannot be estimated, and the cattle and other live stock destroyed will never be counted. And the end is not yet for Independence Day, corresponding to August 26, 1917, the United States comes to the 20th of May.

The Liberal party has threatened that if Menocal, re-elected Conservative candidate, attempts to take his office they will begin war in real earnest and that it will be infinitely worse than anything ever known in Cuba. Whether Menocal will dare to take office is not known, but the day is awaited with intense interest by all who are familiar with the political situation in the island of Cuba.

### GREENSBORO.

(Geo. A. Porter, Correspondent.)  
Mrs. Marion Drown and Arthur Donald and Harold are sick with the measles. Harold is getting over them and is able to be out. The box social given by the Village Improvement Society at Town hall Friday evening, was well attended and about \$33 was realized. The band furnished music for promenading.—Rev. E. C. Hayes preached a good sermon to the congregants at the Congregational church Sunday morning. Special music by the choir, a solo by Mr. Colby with Mrs. Richards playing the organ.—Herbert Terrill and party from New York made a short visit to their cottage at the lake the last of the week.—William Hardy has returned from North Troy and will work on the farm this season.—Mrs. Gertrude Campbell has returned from Florida.—Mr. and Mrs. Atwood of Lisbon, N. H., are visiting at Fred Goodrich's.—William Cafe died very suddenly Tuesday and was buried at Wolcott Thursday. Mr. Cafe was 66 years of age and a prosperous farmer of the town.—Frank Spring and family have moved to Burlington, Montpelier, on business last week. The Caspian Lake Branch Red Cross has been organized with 33 members, and will meet Wednesday, May 23, at Grange hall at 2 p. m., for work.

### CONCORD.

**Funeral of Walter H. Houston—Observance of Memorial Service.**

(Mrs. C. F. Cutting, Correspondent.)  
The funeral of Walter H. Houston, whose death occurred at North Woodstock, N. H., Monday, May 14, from pneumonia, was held from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Houston, in this village Thursday at 1 o'clock. Rev. P. J. MacInnis, pastor of the Universalist church, officiated. Moose River Lodge, No. 82, F. and A. M., of which Mr. Houston was a member, attended in a body and performed their impressive burial service at the grave. Mr. Houston came to this town to live when a small boy and leaves none but friends, who regret his early death. Of him the Plymouth Record says: "Mr. Houston at the time of his death was president of the Johnson Lumber Co., having succeeded G. L. Johnson to that position. Previous to that he had worked as an office manager for the company about 12 years. He was also administrator of the estate of G. L. Johnson, Mrs. Amanda Johnson, George L. Johnson, Jr. Mr. Houston was a young man loved by all who knew him and very few men of his age held as responsible positions as he." Besides his parents he is survived by his widow and one son, Paul, and nephew, Raymond A. Douglas. There was a profusion of flowers. Places of business, the Junior high and grades of J. M. school were closed during the funeral.

Decorations Day will be observed by Woodbury C. A. R. and W. R. C. Wednesday, May 30, in the usual manner. Children are requested to bring flowers to W. R. C. hall as early as 9 o'clock. Dinner will be served to G. A. R. and W. R. C. and families at noon. At 1 o'clock the procession will form in front of Union block and march to the cemetery to decorate the graves of deceased comrades. Returning the service for the soldier-sailor dead will be performed at the address of the day will be delivered by Rev. P. J. MacInnis, pastor of the Universalist church.

There will be a Union Memorial service at the M. E. church next Sunday morning. Woodbury C. A. R. and W. R. C. will attend in a body. Visitors in St. Johnsbury during the week included Mrs. C. A. Miltimore, Mrs. C. F. Cutting, Miss Gladys Lillip, Mrs. F. E. Hastings, Mrs. O. Rochelle, Mrs. Katharine Morrison, Mrs. H. B. Morrison, Miss May F. Crosby.—Dr. A. P. Grint was in town the past week calling upon parishioners and to attend a parish meeting held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Foster.

—Mother's Day was observed in the primary room of the school Friday afternoon, May 11.—Rev. P. J. MacInnis was in Granby last week to officiate at the funeral of Mr. Delworth.—Willard Chase, who has spent the winter with his sister, Mrs. Sophia Guild, at Walpole, N. H., has returned and is with his sister, Mrs. Mary Ann Pratt.—Hans Walter Houston is at St. Johnsbury hospital, where she underwent a surgical operation Friday.—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Maynard of St. Johnsbury were at Ellery Ford's Sunday.—Miss Jessie Williams is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Williams.—Andrew Blodgett and daughter, Mildred, and Theodor of Littleton, N. H., have been guests at the home of D. B. Cross.—Mr. and Mrs. Harley Pierce have finished work for Fred LeClair and are at W. D. Bradshaw's.—Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dove, Mrs. Bertha LeClair and E. M. Pined of St. Johnsbury spent Sunday at Shadow Lake.—Mr. and Mrs. Lang of East Burke, besides a host of friends. The beautiful display of flowers showed the esteem in which she was held. Funeral services were conducted at her home Saturday afternoon by the Rev. R. S. Caldwell, assisted by Rev. Mr. Sturtevant of East Burke, a former student of St. Johnsbury, and a former student of St. Johnsbury. Green Mountain Grange, of which she was a member, attended in a body.

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mother, Mrs. Emma Quimby.—J. E. Edney was in Rutland last week as delegate to the I. O. O. F. Encampment from Concordia Lodge. Red Clover Lodge, D. of R., was represented by P. G. Mrs. Hattie James Gillilan of Barnet.—Miss Rose Tasse was home from her work at Fitzdale the last of the week.—Miss Elsie King of Fitzdale spent the week-end with her sisters, May and Mildred King.—Among those called here to attend the funeral of Walter Houston were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wadleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. William Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. There will be services at St. James Episcopal mission Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock with sermon by Rev. Dr. Grint.

George Palmer, Mrs. Annie Parker, Miss Annie Douglas, George Parker, Mrs. Ida Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Alby Gray, John McLean, Norman McLean, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gero, Mrs. L. W. Hastings, Gene Douglas of St. Johnsbury, Guy Douglas, H. C. Douglas, H. E. Gray of Waterbury; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sunbury of Waterford; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Douglas of Northfield; Mrs. Guy Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers of Barre; Mr. and Mrs. McGraw, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Johnson of Lancaster, N. H.; Jerome Houston and son, Claude, of Brownington; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Houston of Irasburg; Mrs. Kate Sherman of Derby; Walter Rainey of Littleton, N. H.—H. S. Clark of his visit to his sister, Mrs. H. B. Dows, Mrs. Charles Carpenter and Miss Dittina English of Littleton, N. H., were recent guests of Mrs. Elden Jewell and Mrs. Benjamin Gleason.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rivers were recent visitors in Lancaster, N. H.—Mrs. Mrs. B. Burbank of Lunenburg spent the week-end at R. J. Bennett's.—Charles Daniels has moved to the Avery farm east of the village.—James Virtue is moving to the house vacated by Charles Daniels.—Mr. and Mrs. George Hastings and daughter, Marion, visited Mrs. Maurice Hastings Sunday.—B. B. Burbank and daughter, Belle, and Ruth Crowell motored to Johnson Saturday, Mrs. Burbank spent the day with her sister, Mrs. A. L. Beals, at Walden. Miss Marion Burbank returned with them for two weeks.—There will be a patriotic meeting at the Town hall Wednesday evening with Hon. Frank Plumb and K. T. Brown as speakers.—Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan during the week are Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Sullivan, Mrs. Madeline Weir, Mrs. H. W. Jackman of St. Johnsbury, and H. L. Moore of West Lebanon, N. H.

### ST. JOHNsbury CENTER.

**Death of Miss Gladys L. Walter—Personals and Locals.**

(Edith McLaughlin, Correspondent.)  
The whole community was shocked and grieved last Thursday night to know of the death of one of the young ladies of the village, Gladys L. Walter. Although she had been confined to her home for several weeks with what they considered a slight case of rheumatic fever, she seemed to be gaining as she was able to ride out and walked a short distance. She became suddenly worse on Saturday, May 12, and passed away on Thursday evening May 17. Gladys L. Walter was the youngest daughter of Solon and Mary Walter and was born in Lyndon, Oct. 14, 1900. She leaves to mourn her loss besides her father and mother, three brothers, Frank of Boston, Dale and Lawrence of Springfield, Mass., three daughters, Mrs. Henry Donahue and Mrs. Heath of Lyndon, Mass., and a host of friends. The beautiful display of flowers showed the esteem in which she was held. Funeral services were conducted at her home Saturday afternoon by the Rev. R. S. Caldwell, assisted by Rev. Mr. Sturtevant of East Burke, a former student of St. Johnsbury, and a former student of St. Johnsbury. Green Mountain Grange, of which she was a member, attended in a body.

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The pre-Memorial exercises of the center grammar school will be held Tuesday evening, May 29, in Firemen's hall at 7 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited.

### PEACHAM.

(Mrs. W. S. Sanborn, Correspondent.)

A quiet home wedding occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Thorne Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, when their daughter, Mabelle Annie, was united in marriage to Francis George Somers of Peacham. Rev. Roy E. Green, of Newbury, the bridegroom, performed the ceremony. The bride was attended by white satin of simple design and carried a bouquet of white roses. Six-year-old Helen Bailey Livingston attended the bride as flower girl, and carried a basket of pinks. The double ring ceremony was used. The guests were relatives of the bride and groom, upwards of 40 being present. The happy couple were the recipients of a generous collection of silver, cut glass, china, table linen, etc. After a two weeks' honeymoon spent in Massachusetts the couple will return to their home in Peacham.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Boulter of North Brookfield, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Almon B. Thorne of Winthrop, Mass., have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Thorne the past week.—Memorial sermon will be preached in the church on Wednesday, May 30, at 2 o'clock p. m. There will be exercises by the children, special music by the choir and an address by Rev. Donald Frazer of Wells River. Dinner will be served at noon in the Town hall, after which the Post and Corps will march of the Soldiers' Monument and cemetery, where appropriate exercises will be given. Children are asked to bring flowers.

Mrs. Partridge at the South Part is quite sick. E. J. Hobart went to Bradford Sunday after a trained nurse for her.—Mrs. Fred Allen, who has been very sick, is much better.—Mr. and Mrs. Thorne, who were in town for the Thorne-Somers wedding, returned to Boston Sunday night.—Mrs. Martin Chaffee of Waterbury has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hooker.—Rev. and Mrs. Carlson very pleasantly entertained the members of the graduating class and the girls of the training course Friday evening.—Mrs. T. A. Carlson, Karen Carlson, Mrs. Dwight Stoddard, Mrs. Ole McFarlane and Prof. Ross were at St. Johnsbury Saturday in E. J. Hobart's car.—Mrs. H. A. Renfrew, Mrs. Kate Hutchinson, Mrs. Elsie Merrill were at Danville Friday.—Mrs. Ellsworth Johnson of Cambridge, Mass., is in town for a few days.—Miss E. G. Trentiss has come to open her summer cottage at Hillcrest.—Miss Elizabeth Warmwood is caring for—Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Renfrew, Hiram Rowe, who is quite sick.—Miss Glenn Chandler was at home the last of the week from her school at Orleans.—Mrs. Harris from St. Johnsbury was at E. J. Hobart's Saturday.—Robert Craig says he knows the person who entered his barn Saturday evening and helped themselves to some grain.—The V. I. S. at East Peacham gave a supper on Friday evening in W. F. Powers' garage.

Corn chowder, pie, doughnuts and coffee, etc., were served and a very pleasant time enjoyed. About \$6 was taken, which will be used to buy a new flag pole for the common.—Mrs. Carl Somers visited her father, John Bandy, recently.—Oliver Cowan took Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wallace to Burlington last week to see their son, Claire, who has enlisted in the army.—Roy Jervah, son of Mrs. Frank Jervah, formerly of Peacham, is on a patrol boat, Southern, plying between Pensacola and Mobile, Ala.—C. F. Kinsoner is laid up with varicose veins.—Mrs. Lizzie Ramsay and George and Mary Ramsay were at Will Hattie's Sunday.—W. F. Powers and family were at Lyndonville Sunday.—Miss Annie Killam is teaching this week at Ewells Hollow with the regular teacher, Daphne Craig.—School at North Part, which has been closed on account of the illness of the teacher, commenced again Monday morning.—Mrs. F. E. Palmer visited at Danville part of last week.—Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bartlett visited at George Smith's at East Peacham Sunday.